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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Salvatore MELIS

**A UNIT FOR THE SERVO-ASSISTED OPERATION OF A MOTOR-
VEHICLE GEARBOX**
Our Ref. Q63447

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 14 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 2 sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement.

Please see attached preliminary amendment before calculating Government filing fee.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

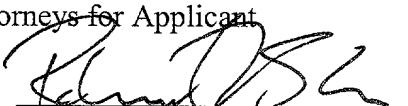
Total claims	<u>12</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$80.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$710.00</u>

TOTAL FEE **\$710.00**

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

There is no claim to priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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